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F.D. ROOSEVELT ANNEX  
MEMORY CARE CENTER  
DEDICATED JULY 11, 2007

*Thank you,  
Marines' Memorial  
Association  
Travis Air Force Base  
Marines' Memorial  
Race Car*

*Living at the Veterans Home of California in Yountville – July 20, 2007*



## From the Administrator's Desk ...

*The GRAPE-VINE*  
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As we draw nearer to the time when the Members' Services Building will have to be temporarily vacated, residents are concerned about some of their favorites. This week, let's allow Carole DeBell and Ann Snow describe what to expect from the library while they are in their temporary quarters in the basement of Madison Hall.

"First, there will be no interruption in delivery of newspapers and magazines," says Carole. "We will have room for a few small tables for reading periodicals. Books are a different story. Only 3 - 4% of the collection, about 3000 books, can be accommodated in the smaller quarters, and you will have to select your choices and find somewhere else to read them."

"To supplement the reduced number of books available," adds Ann, "I will be making more trips to the Napa County Library to get books requested for inter-library loan. Now I go just once a week, but I'll add one or more trips as necessary."

Carole continues, "You needn't worry about our collection suffering while we are in the small quarters. Orders will continue as usual and the number of large print books added will actually grow. Your use of the expanded music and audio book sections has exploded recently, and there will be no cutbacks in those areas."

The librarians, along with many others in the building, will have to be creative and resourceful. True, things will be different from what we're used to, but we can adjust. We'll have a great homecoming when the sparkling, upgraded building opens.



Marcella M. McCormack

## From Secretary Tom Johnson ...

The following is a statement from California Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Tom Johnson on the resignation of United States Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary James Nicholson:

"California has developed a great partnership and working relationship with the VA over the past few years, thanks in large part to the leadership and foresight of Secretary Nicholson. I have seen in him a passion and commitment to the well being of our veterans, both young and old, and his leadership will be greatly missed. I think he is a great public servant and I hope that no steps are lost during this time of transition. Secretary Nicholson understood the needs of the Veterans and the needs of California as he moved the VA into the future and I wish him all the best as he moves on to other challenges."



# Memory Care Center Dedication draws Huge Crowd



*Story by Lou Zauner; Photos by Nancy Bueno, Neil Remnant, Chris Williams, Lou Zauner*



On a bright and gentle-weather day, Wednesday, July 11, a celebratory gathering of over 600 dignitaries, Home Members, Staff and guests assembled at the F.D. Roosevelt Annex to witness the dedication of the Memory Care Center – a \$16,000,000 project that will greatly expand the ability of the Veterans Home, Yountville, to provide high-quality care for residents diagnosed with Alzheimer's or related dementias.

Leading the ceremony was the always-robust and popular Marine Corps Band based at Twenty-Nine Palms. For almost the first hour, Band Leader Warrant Officer Steve Giove and his superlative Marine musicians entertained the delighted gathering with popular, patriotic and innovative music accompanied by wit and humor from the Conductor himself, perfectly-timed

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*The Travis Elite Honor Guard presented the Colors while the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Band from Twentynine Palms played the National Anthem.*





A standing-room-only crowd viewed the Dedication.

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and paced. A magnificently performed “America the Beautiful” was sung by his sister-in-law Lisa Jouaneh.

Heading the dignitary list was Master of Ceremonies William A. Chatfield, Director of Selective Service. Director Chatfield was nominated by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the U.S. Senate for management of the Selective Service System. Director Chatfield orchestrated the proceedings with charm, brevity and good humor pleasing the entire crowd. He punctuated his comments by quoting the bumper sticker “If you love freedom, thank a veteran.”

The Travis Elite Honor Guard presented Colors; the Invocation was given by Protestant Chaplain Robert Krieger, followed by the speakers.



Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs Tom Johnson (*photo at left*) spoke briefly of the financial and organizational background for the Care Center and the enormous amount of work and dedication of so many who contributed to its opening. He reminded all that “by age 65, one in 10 persons has symptoms of dementia and by age 85 the incidence approaches 50 percent.” Secretary Johnson concluded his remarks with high commendation for the work of all staff who made the Memory Care Center possible and the staff who serve our Home Members. He also expressed appreciation for the many community, service and veterans organizations who contribute to veterans homes welfare.

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Home Administrator Marcella McCormack (*photo at left*) exclaimed, "It's finally done!" She presented the background of the Memory Care Center project, giving recognition to all who contributed with particular recognition to Secretary Tom Johnson who helped "over-come many of the complexities." McCormack concluded, "I'm honored to be part of this dedication."

Dr. Paul Loftus, Director of Medicine at Yountville, presented a brief history of the research of dementia with succinct description and of the disease and its complexities. He introduced Dr. Denise Rettenmeyer as the director of the new Center.

Both the Mayor of The Town of Yountville, Cindy Saucerman, and Napa County Supervisor, Mark Luce, expressed their appreciation for the Veterans Home and its new facility. Supervisor Luce stated, "It's a synergy of the American Spirit. Thank you for making it happen in Napa County."

Brad Onorato, representing U.S. Congressman Mike Thompson read a testimony from him regarding the importance and potential of the new Memory Care Center.

Allied Council Chair David Salopek then introduced Major General Mike Myatt, President and CEO of the Marines' Memorial Association. Myatt made some brief comments regarding the Marines' Memorial Association and its dedication to all service personnel and veterans.

The Marines' Memorial Association is very active at the Veterans Home and sponsored the wonderful barbecue which followed, as well as the Marine Corps Band.



*The Travis Air Force Personnel were amazing, filling in where needed - here she's pinning souvenir buttons on the Home Members. Thanks Travis!*

The long line to the barbecue serpentine through the new facility to view the interior of this honored project. The final destination was a superb fare of barbecued ribs, barbecued chicken, brat wurst with sauerkraut, potato salad, corn salad, watermelon, macaroons and brown-

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*This beautiful souvenir pin was provided by the Friends of the Veterans Home.*

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ies, and choices of soft drinks and wines for beverage. The entire time service members from Travis Air Force Base were everywhere – moving chairs, setting up tables, and anything needed to accommodate the large crowd. And at 12:30 the Marine Band provided more music for the diners.



*above and right - patio tables and chairs were set up on the beautiful courtyard of the Memory Care Center and Marine Corps Band performed for the diners.*

*below - Sara Pedersen, Marines' Memorial Association volunteer, and Lecelia Harrison, Director of Membership for the Marines' Memorial Association, provided information and souvenirs at the Marines' Memorial Association member recruitment table.*



The Franklin Delano Roosevelt Annex originally opened from “barracks” status in 1949 as an annex to Holderman Hospital. The now newly-renovated Memory Care Center will open sometime this summer, staffed and ready to admit some 40 patients. There is additional space for a total of 75 beds to provide specialized care for veterans diagnosed with dementia. The project was initiated ten years ago by a Blue Ribbon Task Force for Veterans Homes appointed by the governor. Today it is a reality on the grounds of the Veterans Home, Yountville, with an enormous history of financial and organizational dedication.



*right - barbecued chicken and ribs, brat wurst and sauerkraut, potato salad, coleslaw, black bean and corn salad, and watermelon. Yum! The fantastic food was provided by the Marines' Memorial Association.*







*left - Posters of 1940s-era Observation Post newsletters were displayed in the courtyard and inside the Memory Care Center.*

*Part of the Post Fund Enterprises crew hard at work providing the beverages for the event.*



*left: Just part of the very busy team that made this event a total success: Jody Price, Public Information Officer, Yountville; Jerry Jones, Legislation and Public Affairs, CDVA; and Roger Brautigan, Undersecretary, CDVA.*





## Common rooms in the Memory Care Center



*It was definitely a “family affair” for Main Dining Room Chef Jacob Jouaneh. His son-in-law Warrant Officer Steve Giove is the Marine Corps Band Director and his daughter Lisa Jouaneh was the featured singer. From left to right is Warrant Officer Steve Giove, his wife (Jacob’s daughter) Erin Giove and their son Blaise Giove; Terri Jouaneh, Jacob Jouaneh, Alyce Medina, Alyce Jouaneh, and Lisa Jouaneh.*



*below - Jorge, Nicole and Jayme from the Marines’ Memorial Club uncork the wine in preparation for the lunch. The wine has an interesting story. It carries the Marines’ Memorial Club label and is bottled by the Benziger Family Winery. On the label is a picture of Marine Bruno Benziger. The story is told on the back of the bottle: “In honor of our father Bruno Benziger, 1925-1989, USMC, 3rd Marine Division, Battle of Iwo Jima, 1945. Always Faithful. It’s what our father was to his country, to his family, and to our winery. And always faithful is what our wines are to his memory. This wine is a tribute to our father and all Marines who have served their country. We farm with respect for the land, we make wines that are genuine reflections of our vineyards and we do it together as a family, just as he wanted. Semper Fidelis. – Mike Benziger, Benziger Family Winery.”*



*left - Chris Williams, Grapevine reporter/photographer, is in “puppy heaven” conversing with official mascot Sgt. Maj. Bubba, Bubba’s sister Bailey and all their friends. Bubba and Bailey (in their official mascot uniforms) belong to General Manager Michael Allen. Also in the group are Stitches and Casey who belong to Maj. Gen. Myatt. The group of canine representatives are always a welcome diversion at the Marines’ Memorial Association events at the Home.*



## Marine Memorial Race Cars

During the entire event a very special exhibit was on display – The Marine Memorial Race Cars, conceived and created by Kevyn Major Howard (*photo at right*) who is quickly recognized as Rafterman in the Stanley Kubrick movie “Full Metal Jacket.”

When visiting and photographing the Marines at Twentynine Palms, Howard was inspired by their stories and committed to create a memorial to honor the Iraq war’s fallen U.S. service members and their families. This non-profit project not only pays tribute to our fallen heroes but only raises funds to give back to their families. Howard commented, “We have the Moving Wall to honor the fallen of the Vietnam War, but we can’t stop there. We need a moving memorial to honor our current service members.”

Currently there are three Marine Memorial Cars – a 1963 Chevy Nova with the names of Marines that have died during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Iraq War, a 1966 Chevy Nova drag race care, and a 1966 Chevy Nova pro-stock race car. The project’s goal is to produce memorial cars for each of the five branches of the military. Together all the cars will make up the Fueled by the Fallen Memorial Race Car Team. Visit [www.fueledbythefallen.com](http://www.fueledbythefallen.com) for more information about the project.







*"It was a beautiful day for a party - all my people were there!"*




**Sergeant-Major  
Bubba**

*Paws with Brandy*

## Scarlett O'Hara? Or G.I. Jane?

Ladies, you must keep up your dating skills. Stop for a while, and males change on you. When the Marines were here to help dedicate the new Memory Care Center, friends set me up with a blind date, “He’s just your type, Brandy,” they said. “You’re a sucker for a man in uniform.” Well, who isn’t? I overhear residents say they miss the starched, white uniforms and caps that nurses used to wear. Remember that? You could hear ‘em rustling down the halls.

I considered wearing my own therapy dog uniform, but learned there would be a barbecue. I remembered Scarlett eating a little ahead of time “so you don’t act like a field hand,” so I had a few bites before our meeting. Well, let me tell you, Sergeant-Major Bubba is something! The burly, take charge type. “Gotta watch my step,” I thought. “This could be a real bad boy. A girl could lose her head.” Then I noticed. He had brought his sister!



*Cpl. Bailey*

I ask you!? Isn't that insulting? As if I were going to climb his frame or something. That never crossed my mind. Well, not for long. Cpl. Bailey is a real nice girl, though, and I made a friend. Bubba will never know what he's missing. 🐾



**VFW Picnic**  
**Sunday**  
**July 22nd**

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**11:00 am**

**Main Picnic Grounds**

## 2007 Grapevine Deadlines and Distribution Dates

*Please note new deadlines:*

Month	Deadline	Distribution
Jul	27	
Aug	10, 24	3, 17, 31
Sep	7, 21	14, 28
Oct	4, 19	12, 26
Nov	2, 14, 30	9, 21
Dec	14, 28	7, 21





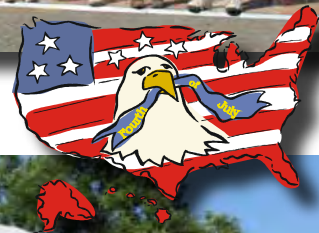












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Thank you to our July 4th  
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## Meet the Sections

*This is the first of a series by Chris Williams*

### "The A-Team"

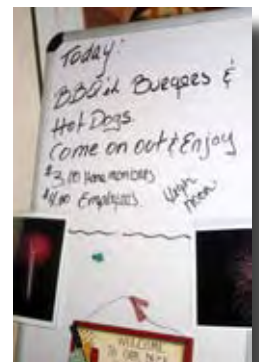
The name that Section A chose tells you quite a bit about them – The A Team. They're good and they know it -- they will even, without much encouragement, brag a bit. Activities and projects are everywhere, proving that entrepreneurship is alive and well at the Veterans Home. Their booth, at the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration, drew the most customers and undoubtedly made the most profit.



Yes, they're money grabbers. They have to be to finance all their activities.

Their generosity is impressive. "Our goal," says section leader Kathy Pulliam, "is to help other sections find and sell a product to make money for their residence." A good time to find out how they do it might be at their Friday lunch, discounted to members. They serve an All-American menu including what they claim is the best burger in town. A big chore to prepare, but "people here all pull together," says "Skipper" Munds.

Allied Council delegate, Ed Olson, says house meetings are a pleasure, not a chore. There's a raffle at each one (disbursing some of those big bucks they make), and a social time follows celebrating the two or three birthdays that occur that month. "Everybody here is friendly and helpful," says Bob Monroe.







# Festival del Sole at the Lincoln Theater

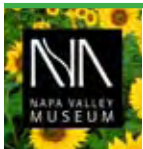
Fri, Jul 20 6 pm **Festival del Sole:** Featuring: Jean-Yves Thibaudet, Dmitry Sitkovetsky, Russian National Orchestra, Stéphane Denève

Sun, Jul 22 6 pm **Festival del Sole:** Featuring: Nikolaj Znaider, Piotr Anderszewski, Russian National Orchestra, Antonio Pappano



## Some of the upcoming performances:

- ★ **Defending the Caveman** - Written by Rob Becker, Sat, Aug 25
- ★ **Mark Nadler in a Nutshell**, Sun, Sep 16
- ★ **Paula Poundstone** Returns to Lincoln Theater, Sat, Sep 29
- ★ **Ballet Gran Folklórico de México**, Fri, Oct 5
- ★ **Rimsky-Korsakov String Quartet**, Sat, Oct 13
- ★ **Benise - Nights of Fire**, Sun, Oct 14
- ★ **Music from the Crooked Road**, Sun, Oct 28
- ★ **Evita**, Sat, Nov 24
- ★ **The Elves and the Shoemaker**, Sat, Dec 1
- ★ **The Second City - Dysfunctional Holiday Review**, Sat, Dec 1
- ★ **The Oak Ridge Boys - Christmas Cookies**, Sun, Dec 9



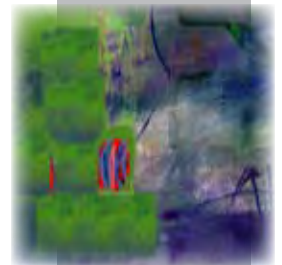
## Napa Valley Museum Programs

### July Programs

**Monotype Print Workshop** with Diane Brinker, Local Artist  
 Saturday, July 21  
 10 am to 12 pm  
 For ages 9 and up  
 Participate in a hands-on project and go home with a one-of-kind artwork! Ignite your creativity while learning about Monotype painting and printing. Borrowing from nature, each participant will use actual specimens for use in an original Monotype painting and print. We'll use biodegradable supplies to create our own Masterpieces, with some very surprising results! \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. Call 707.944.0500 for reservations and payment

### August Programs

**Star-gazing in the NVM Meadow** with Stuart Alexander, Retired State Park Ranger  
 Saturday, August 4  
 9 to 10:30 pm  
 Ever wondered about the constellations in our Napa Valley nighttime sky? Join former park ranger Stuart Alexander for a stellar evening at the Napa Valley Museum! After a short presentation about summer constellations and night time star gazing, we'll head outside and identify constellations such as Cassiopeia and Subaru. Families are welcome. Please remember to bring a blanket. Free. Call 707.944.0500 for reservations





sign up  
early



## Residential Care Special Events

*Sign up available 2 weeks before trip. Sign up early! Activities can fill quickly.  
All activities are subject to change due to bus and driver availability.*

July 2007

Date	Time	Event	Bus	Site	Signup
20 Fri	6:00 pm	Russian National Orchestra		LT	Yes
21 Sat	10:00 am	Sonoma Co. Fair Horseracing	MDR		Yes
22 Sun	10:00 am	Oakland A's vs. Baltimore	MBS		Yes
	11:00 am	VFW Picnic		MPG	
	6:00 pm	Russian National Orchestra		LT	Yes
23 Mon	4:00 pm	Rivercats vs. Salt Lake City	MBS		Yes
25 Wed	10:00 am	Sonoma Co. Fair	MBS		Yes
	12:30 pm	LeMelange Academy	MDR		Yes
26 Thu	t.b.a.	Sacramento Stamp Club		t.b.a.	
28 Sat	10:00 am	Fairfield Shopping Trip	MBS		Yes
30 Mon	8:15 am	San Francisco Ferry Trip	MBS		Yes
31 Tue	8:30 am	Blood Drive		GH	
	1:30 pm	Talent Show		LT	

**Key – 1C/1D:** Hospital 1C/1D patio; **Bor:** Borman Field; **Chp:** Chapel; **GH:** Grant Hall; **GR:** Games Room; **HL:** Hospital Lobby; **HRA:** Hospital Recreation Area; **Lib:** Lincoln Library, **LL:** Lee Lounge; **LT:** Lincoln Theater; **MBS:** Main Bus Stop; **MDR:** Main Dining Room; **MPG:** Main Picnic Grounds; **SF:** San Francisco; **Tav:** Tavern; **VHC:** Veterans Home Cemetery; **VGC:** Vintners Golf Course; **VHL:** Veterans Home Lanes; **XI:** Annex I; **XII:** Annex II; **Ynt:** Yountville; **YVP:** Yountville Veterans Park.



Borman  
Field

Date	Game Time	Host Organization	Home Team	Visiting Team
Fri, Jul 20	05:00 PM	<b>Joe DiMaggio Regional Tournament</b>		
Sat, Jul 21	10:00 AM			
	01:00 PM			
	04:30 PM			
Sun, Jul 22	10:00 AM			
	01:00 PM			
	04:30 PM			
Mon, Jul 23	05:00 PM	<b>Field Closed</b>		
Mon, Jul 30	05:00 PM			
Tue, Jul 31	05:00 PM			
Wed, Aug 1	10:00 AM	NVBC	Napa Legion	Reno
	01:00 PM			
Thur, Aug 2	05:00 PM	<b>Field Closed</b>		
Fri, Aug 3	10:00 AM			
Sat, Aug 4	9:00 AM	NVBC	<b>Napa Legion State “A” Tournament</b> <i>(concludes Tuesday)</i>	
	12:00 PM			
	03:00 PM			
Sun, Aug 5	9:00 AM			
	12:00 PM			
	03:00 PM			
Mon, Aug 6	9:00 AM			
	12:00 PM			
	03:00 PM			
Tue, Aug 7	9:00 AM			
	12:00 PM			



# MOVIE NIGHT IN GRANT HALL



## Fri, Jul 20 – "Breach"

A new (2006) suspense film stars Chris Cooper and Ryan Phillippe. Based on the true story of infamous traitor Robert Hansen of the U.S intelligence/spy community. A young hotshot is assigned to get evidence after Hansen is first suspected of treason. Well written and acted. An above average film.

## Wed, Jul 25 – "Little Big Man"

A 1970 adventure film stars Dustin Hoffman, Faye Dunaway, Martin Balsam, Chief Dan George and Richard Mulligan. The story tells of Jack Crab, a 121-year-old man who recalls his life as an adopted Indian, survivor of Custer's Last Stand and drinking buddy of Wild Bill Hickok. Includes humor and colorful characterizations. An outstanding film directed by Arthur Penn.

☆☆☆☆



## Fri, Jul 27 – "Charlotte's Web"

A new (2006) movie stars Dakota Fanning playing a farm girl who brings a pet piglet to live on the family farm. They meet Charlotte, a spider who weaves a magic web. An adaptation of E.B White's children's novel. An above average family entertainment.

## Wed, Aug 1 – "The Sea Hawk"

A 1940 drama stars Errol Flynn, Brenda Marshall, Claude Rains, Donald Crisp and Gilbert Roland. A top-notch sea adventure with Flynn at his dashing best. Romance and swordplay are well acted and photographed. Directed by Michael Curtiz. ☆☆☆☆



## Fri, Aug 3 – "Pan's Labyrinth"

A new (2006) drama set at the end of the Spanish Civil War stars a 12-year-old girl who becomes caught up in a fantasy world. The suffering of war is mixed with a child's confusion over what is real and what isn't. The special universe is satisfying. A very good film.



**GRANT HALL**  
Theater doors  
open at 5:15 pm  
Wednesdays &  
Fridays

Special selected  
presentations at  
5:30 pm

Feature Film  
begins at 6:00 pm

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